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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 299
By Pleasant

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alan Curtis Sefton on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people ages six to twenty with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank that a Boy Scout can attain is the rank of Eagle Scout and Alan Sefton, after considerable hard work and preparation, joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on April 5, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Alan began his illustrious scouting career in the fall of 1988 in Elkhart, Indiana as a Tiger Cub in Pack 711 at Eastwood Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in July of 1989, Alan's family moved to Bartlett and he became associated with Pack 255 at Bartlett United Methodist Church. Here, Alan earned his Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear ranks with 21 arrow points; his Webelos rank with all 20 activity pins; the God and Family Award; and the Cub Scout World Conservation Award. Alan received his Arrow of Light Award on April 16, 1993; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 1993, Alan received his Scout rank as a member of Troop 255. Before the end of that year, Alan had attended his first summer camp in the new scout program

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at Camp Roy C. Manchester, moved up to Second Class and completed Den Chief Training; and

WHEREAS, during 1994, Alan served admirably as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Troop Librarian and Venture Crew Chief as well as completing Junior Leader Training and earning his Star rank; and

WHEREAS, during 1995, Alan served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, became a Life Scout, was elected to the Order of the Arrow, served on staff for the Council Camporee at Camp Currier and attended his second summer camp at Boxwell Reservation; and

WHEREAS, 1996 highlights for Alan included the High Adventure trip on the Appalachian Trail, serving as a Patrol Leader and a Den Chief, completing the Brotherhood ordeal for AO, and completing his Eagle service project. His project involved collecting 330 pairs of used eyeglasses that were donated to the World Lens Project for distribution to people in need in other countries; and

WHEREAS, Alan currently has 40 hard-earned merit badges, is serving as a Troop Guide and has earned the BSA World Conservation Award. He is working on the God and Life Award, the senior level of the God & Country program; and

WHEREAS, he has been chosen to serve on the youth staff for the BSA's 14th National Jamboree this summer at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, following his return to Bartlett, he plans to continue his involvement with Troop 255 and to join an Explorer Post oriented to backpacking with the goal of attending Philmont in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Alan is a popular and highly regarded freshman at Bartlett High School, where he is an honor roll student; and

WHEREAS, he is a very active member of the Bartlett United Methodist Church, their senior high school Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Foot Soldiers (service group), and the Crossroads Youth Choir; and

WHEREAS, his career interests are teaching, psychology and law; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-
HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Alan Curtis Sefton on becoming an
Eagle Scout and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.